

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph. D. (in progress)	August 2022- December 2026 University of Georgia School of Social Work
M.S.W.	May 2018 University of South Carolina; Columbia, SC School of Social Work Health/Mental Health Concentration Rural Integrated Behavioral Health Scholar GPA 4.0
B.S.	May 2016 Augusta University (formerly known as Georgia Regents University) College of Math and Sciences Major: Psychology Major GPA 3.95 Cumulative 3.36

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<i>August 2022- December 2023</i>	Dean's Research Assistant <i>University of Georgia</i>
<i>October 2019- Present</i> <i>October 2018- Present</i>	Manager of Behavioral Health Behavioral Health Provider Christ Community Health Services; Augusta, GA
<i>April 2018- October 2018</i> <i>June 2016- April 2018</i> <i>June 2015- June 2016</i>	Outpatient Therapist Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ACT Team) Psychiatric Case Manager (ACT Team) AmericanWork: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Clinic

August 2016-May 2018

Research Assistant

University of South Carolina, Columbia
Drs. Christina Andrews and Terry Wolfer

Honors

2017 Rural Integrated Behavioral Scholars Award, University of South Carolina

Publications

1. **Cooper, Z.**, Reitmeier, M., & Bethel, S. (2022). Health Professionals' Attitudes on Integrated Care and Social Work Practice. *Social Work in Health Care*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2022.2104984>
2. **Cooper, Z.** (2022). Spirituality in primary care settings: Addressing the whole person through Christian mindfulness. *Religions*, 13(4), 346. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13040346>
3. **Cooper, Z.**, & Zerden, L. D. (2021) How COVID-19 has impacted integrated care practice: Lessons from the frontlines. *Social Work in Health Care*, 60 (2), 146- 156. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2021.1904316>
4. Zerden, L. D., **Cooper, Z.**, & Sanii, H. (2021). The primary care behavioral health model (PCBH) and medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD): Integrated models for primary care. *Social Work in Mental Health*, 19 (2), 186-195. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2021.1896626>
5. **Cooper, Z.** (2020). What can we do? *Families, Systems, & Health*, 38(S1), 30-31. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fsh0000559>

Publications Under Review

1. Cooper, Z., Serrano, N. (under review). COVID' impact on core primary care behavioral health (PCBH) functions. *Social Work in Public Health*.
2. Cooper, Z., Wolfer, T. (under review). Conceptualizing the biopsychosocial-spiritual implications of adverse childhood experiences and the application of primary care behavioral health for their treatment. *Journal of Religion and Health*.
3. Cooper, Z., Pitner, R. (under review). Exploring the moderating impact of experiences of racism and anxiety within integrated care settings. *Social Science and Medicine*
4. Cooper, Z., Pitner, R. (under review). Exploring the moderating impact of experiences of racism and depression within integrated care settings. *Family Systems and Health*

Publications In Progress

1. Cooper, Z., Wolfer, T. (in progress). Offenders need congregations too [decision case].
2. Cooper, Z., Wolfer, T. (in progress). It's not black lives matter, it's all lives matter. [decision case].
3. Cooper, Z., George, D., Mallot, J., Crespo, J. (in progress). Scoping review of spiritual integration within integrated care.

Presentations

1. **Cooper, Z.**, Pitner, R. (2023, January). *Assessing correlations between racial discrimination and anxiety within integrated care* [Poster Presentation]. Society of Social Work Research.
2. O'Shields, J., Mowbray, O., **Cooper, Z.** (2023, March). *"Exploring the role of social support and systemic chronic inflammation in the association between maltreatment and depression in adulthood"* [Oral Presentation]. Clinical Translational Science.
3. **Cooper, Z.**, Reitmeir, M., Bethel, S. (2023, January). *Healthcare professionals' attitudes toward social workers as integrated care providers* [Poster Presentation]. Society of Social Work Research.
4. ***Cooper, Z.**, Pitner, R. (2022, November). *The influence of racism within the integrated care setting* [Oral Presentation]. Collaborative Family Health Association.
5. ***Cooper, Z.**, George, D., Mallot, J. (2022, November). *Spirituality in Primary Care: A Review Whole Person Care Models and What Integrated Care Could Learn from Them.* Collaborative Family Health Association
6. **Cooper, Z.** (2022, October). *What is a Medical Social Worker?* [Oral Presentation]. University of Georgia School of Social Work. Guest Lecture.
7. **Cooper, Z.**, Pitner, R. (2022, October). *Depressive Symptomatology: Examining the Role that Racism and Discrimination Play in this Process* [Poster Presentation]. American Psychological Association.
8. **Cooper, Z.** (2021, May). *Towards a biopsychosocial-spiritual approach to healthcare* [Oral Presentation]. Christian Community Health Fellowship.
9. **Cooper, Z.** (2021, April). *Performing groups within an integrated care context* [Oral Presentation]. Azusa Pacific Social Work Department, Guest Lecture.

10. **Cooper, Z.** (2021, March). *Assessing the importance of organizational readiness for integrated care* [Oral Presentation]. Mental Health America, Greater Houston, TX.
11. **Cooper, Z.** (2019, November). Toward a biopsychosocial-spiritual treatment approach [Oral Presentation]. North American Association of Christians in Social Work.
12. Johnson, A., **Cooper, Z.** (2019, September). Electronic platforms for SBIRT: What works and what doesn't? SBIRT Summit [Oral Presentation]; Nashville, TN.

*Accepted but did not attend due to travel restrictions

Grant Activity

2018-2023	National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Understanding Relapse and the Impact of Social Networks and Geographic Settings During Treatment for Alcohol Related Problems Mullenburg/Kershaw (PIs) (\$3,990,112) Role: Researcher
2022-2023	Solution Focused Brief Therapy Institute Project Title: Addressing Depression through Solution Focused Brief Therapy in Integrated Care Settings (\$1,500) Role: Principal Investigator
2021-2022	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Project Title: "Cultivating Community Co-Researchers to Build Capacity for PCOR for COVID-19 (\$199,756.) Role: Site Lead
2018-2023	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMSHA). Project Title: "SBIRT in Georgia's Rural and Underserved Populations." (\$5,038,677.) Role: Site Lead

Service

Committees:

Doctoral Program Committee

Journal Reviewer:

Social Work in Public Health

Certifications and Credentials

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)- CSW007754